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Dr. Claude Hawley
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Dear Dr. Hawley:

This office has been requested by the Psychological Warfare Division, Directorate of Plans, Hq, USAF, to inquire into the possibility of placing two psychological warfare officers on temporary duty at the [redacted] project.

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This request has the approval of the Air Research and Development Command and Hq, USAF, and is forwarded to your office for consideration and possible negotiation with the contractor.

It is anticipated that these officers would spend from 12 to 18 weeks at the contract where they would be permitted to observe the operations of the project, participate to the extent desired by the contractor, and work on tasks assigned by their parent organization and approved by the contractor.

Desirable outcomes should accrue to both the Air Force and the contractor because the psychological warfare officers will develop an understanding of the research and a capability to use the results which will be produced; and, it will provide the contractor with more precise knowledge of problems faced by PW operators and an improved understanding of a part of the audience for whom the research will be useful.

Officers who will participate in the program will be nominated by the cognizant agency in Hq, USAF, will be indoctrinated for this research activity at the Human Resources Research Institute, and can be screened for acceptability by Central Intelligence Agency and the contractor. It will also be possible for the officers to proceed to the Agency in Washington for further introduction to the project or for establishment of guidance with regard to activities of the officers while at the project.

All expenses for support of these officers during this TDY will be borne by the Air Force; but no Air Force research funds are available to cover any expenses incurred by the contractor in relation to this program.

The Air Force is prepared to initiate this program as soon as favorable replies are received from agencies sponsoring research projects

Preliminary informal inquiries at several of these institutions have given indications of a willingness to cooperate in this program.

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Sincerely,

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